

Minutes
Woodstock Agriculture Commission
Monday, January 13, 2014 - 1:00 PM - Woodstock Town Hall, Lower Level Conference Room

Present: Members: R. Seybolt, R. Norman, L. Weaver, S. Morse, D. Young. Alternates: L. Auger.

- I. Call to order:** Meeting was called to order by L. Weaver at 1:08 p.m.
- II.** R. Norman moved to assign L. Auger as alternate for the meeting until R. Seybolt arrived. Seconded by L. Weaver.
- III. Minutes of the December meeting:** R. Norman moved to accept the minutes with the following correction; Old Business: P&Z b. Solar panel fields should not be constructed on primary agriculture soils. S. Morse seconded the motion and the motion passed.
- IV. Old Business:**
 - a. **Farms in Woodstock Map** – D. Young stated that the group is still working on the project; making constant additions to it.
 - b. **WINY Farmer Talks** – S. Morse said that L. Weaver will be the Commission member attending on January 27th and will try to get Eric Young to speak on young farmers and his newest project at Woodstock Farms. **Action;** D. Young to ask Eric to attend. Other subjects were discussed for future “Farmer Talks”. R. Seybolt suggested that a WINY Farmer Talk subject be on trying to establish a resource list of owners of open space land who might be interested in leasing their land to farmers. **Action:** R. Seybolt and S. Morse to draft a proposal on how we would take the lead in educating these land owners.
 - c. **Digestor** – The following members made a trip to Jordan Dairy Farm in Rutland, MA to speak with the owner regarding his experiences with his digestor. All agreed that it was a very informative trip and that we felt were much more educated on the subject.
 - d. **Economic/Ag Development Ideas** – R. Seybolt stated that Catherine Oslow would like the WAGC to become involved with the application process of Open Space Land Acquisition. We may be asked to write a letter of support after state approval is received. **Action:** R. Seybolt to ask Dawn Adieletta to attend a future meeting to clarify the process for WAGC members.
- V. Announcements**
 - a. January 25, 2014 is the Advocate “Train the Trainer” workshop.
- VI. Other**
 - a. **Action:** L. Auger to contact Delia Fey to see if she still needs information on farms from WAGC.

The meeting was adjourned by R. Seybolt at 2:16pm. Seconded by S. Morse. The next meeting will be held on Monday, February 10, 2014 at 1pm in the lower level of the conference room of the Town Hall.